

14th Annual Fox River Summit Program

Thursday, March 12th, 2026

See Website for more details at [2026 Program Speakers](#)

7:15 AM	Registration-coffee/tea/assorted small danish & muffins, juices
8:00 AM	**Welcome and Introductions**
8:10 AM	State of the Fox River Address --Gary Swick, Friends of the Fox River
8:30 AM	Fabulous Fox! National Water Trail-updates --Karen Miller, Kane County /Jeff Mengler, Hey and Associates, Fox River Ecosystem Partnership
8:50 AM	Paddle for Parks: 2025 Fabulous Fox National Water Trail Challenge --Wally Werderich, Illinois Park and Recreation Foundation/ Michael Kies, St. Charles Park District
9:10 AM	Aquatic Plant Management in High Quality Waters & Wetlands in the Mukwonago River Watershed --Brian Miner, The Nature Conservancy (TNC)
9:30 AM	Reconstructing Historical Nearshore Nongame Fish Assemblages in Southern Wisconsin Glacial Lakes --Dave Marshall, Underwater Habitat Investigations LLC
9:50 AM	Break-coffee/snacks
10:10 AM	Fox River Watershed-Based Planning Efforts in Lake County, Illinois --Jacob Jozefowski / Sharene Gould Dulabaum, Lake County Stormwater Management Commission
10:30 AM	Surface Water Chloride Conditions and Trends in Southeastern Wisconsin --Tom Slawski, Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC)
10:40 AM	The ABC's of RCPP – Oak Conservation for Private Landowners --Tommy Gunn, American Bird Conservancy
11:00 AM	Cover crops, pay or not? --Jim Stute Ph.D., Certified Crop Advisor, Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County
11:20 AM	Protecting Delavan Lake with Partners --Brian Smetna, (retired) Walworth County Land Conservation Department
11:40 AM	Fox-Illinois TMDL: Findings and Approaches to Reduce Nutrients and Sediment --Eric Hettler, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR)
12:00 PM	Lunch break
1:00 PM	Protecting What We Share: Relationship-Driven Strategies for Advocacy Success --Mila Marshall, Sierra Club Illinois Chapter
1:30 PM	Economic Benefits of Conservation --Matthew Winden, UW-Whitewater
2:00 PM	Native Bee Life Histories and Conservation in the Fox River Watershed --Dr. KC Carter, Illinois Natural History Survey
2:20 PM	Fireflies: Precious Jewels of the Night --Brandie Dunn, Xerces Ambassador
2:40 PM	Break-coffee/snacks
3:00 PM	eDNA Data from the Fox River --Yoel Stuart, Loyola University Chicago
3:20 PM	Nippersink Creek Rebirth and Renewal --Steve Byers / John Peters, Friends of Hackmatack and McHenry County Conservation District
3:50 PM	Fox River Valley Dam Removal --Art Malm, Friends of the Fox River
4:10 PM	Carpenter Dam Botanizing --Susanne Masi, Friends of the Fox River
4:30 PM	Social/informal time
5:00 PM	Raffle/Adjourn